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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, Paper No. 7, dated July 6, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 1-6, without prejudice, as follows:

1        1. (Amended) At least one of a paper and a board consisting of a fibrous  
2        medium coated with at least one conventional surface coat intended to be printed by  
3        gravure or flexographic printing, and including, between the fibrous medium and the  
4        conventional surface coat, an inner coat of a composition based on specific  
5        pigments, said inner coat being deposited in an amount from one to five grams per  
6        square meter (1 to 5 g/m<sup>2</sup>),

7        wherein:

8        • the composition of the conventional surface coat does not contain silica;  
9        • and the composition of the inner coat includes at least one specific pigment  
10       chosen from the group consisting of silica, precipitated calcium carbonate  
11       (PCC) and calcined kaolin.

1        2. (Amended) At least one of a paper and a board according to Claim 1,  
2        wherein the composition of the inner coat consists exclusively of silica.

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